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**Re: Comtel Telecom Assets LP & VarTec Telecom
Docket No. 2005-342-C
Our File No. 30123-0001**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the Motion to Hold Hearing by Videoconference on behalf of Comtel Telecom Assets LP. Please date-stamp the extra copies of the motion provided as proof of filing and return them with our courier. If you have any questions, please have someone on your staff contact me.

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**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

DOCKET NO. 2005-342-C

In re: Application of)
COMTEL TELCOM ASSETS LP D/B/A)
VARTEC TELECOM,)
CLEAR CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS,)
EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND)
VARTEC SOLUTIONS)
For a Certificate of Public Convenience)
And Necessity to Provide Local and Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services, for)
Flexible Regulatory Treatment, Alternative)
Regulation, and for Authority to Acquire)
Certain Assets of)
VARTEC TELECOM, INC.,)
EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)
VARTEC SOLUTIONS, INC.)

**MOTION TO HOLD HEARING
BY VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 58-9-1020 and the other applicable rules of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), the Applicants respectfully request that the Hearing Examiner allow the hearing currently scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2006, at 11:30 a.m. at the offices of the Commission be held at Garber Reporting Service, 1226 Pickens St., Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Comtel and VarTec further request that the Hearing Examiner allow Comtel's witness, Jerry Ou, to appear by videoconference. In support of this motion, the Applicants respectfully state the following:

1. The Applicants' offices are located in Carrollton, Texas.
2. The Applicants filed the testimony of Jerry Ou in support of their

application.

3. Since the witness is located in Texas it would be an economic hardship for Mr. Ou to travel to South Carolina to attend the hearing in person.

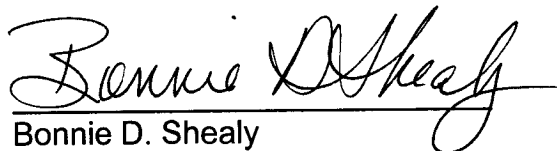
4. The Office of Regulatory Staff has indicated that it does not oppose the use of videoconferencing for the hearing. There were no other intervenors in the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Applicants, Comtel and VarTec, respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order authorizing the use of videoconferencing to take the testimony of Comtel's witness located in Texas and that the Commission allow the hearing to be held at Garber Reporting Services to accommodate this request.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of December, 2005.

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